

# Angela Cheng

Pianist



Consistently praised for her brilliant technique, tonal beauty, and superb musicianship, Canadian pianist *Angela Cheng* is one of her country's national treasures. In addition to regular guest appearances with virtually every orchestra in Canada, she has performed with the Alabama Symphony, Annapolis Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, Colorado Symphony, Flint Symphony, Houston Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Jacksonville Symphony, Louisiana Philharmonic, Orchestra London, Philharmonic Orchestra of Minas Gerais/Brazil, Saint Louis Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Syracuse Symphony, Utah Symphony, and the Israel Philharmonic. In the spring of 2012, Ms. Cheng made her highly acclaimed Carnegie Hall debut with the Edmonton Symphony. She also appeared at the prestigious Salzburg Festival in a recital with Pinchas Zukerman during the summer of 2012. Highlights of the 2016/2017 season include performances with Symphony Nova Scotia, and Virtuosi Concerts Winnipeg, where she returns as "Poet of the Piano" in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season.

In 2009, at the invitation of Pinchas Zukerman, *Ms. Cheng* toured both Europe and China as a member of the Zukerman Chamber Players, and as Mr. Zukerman's collaborative pianist. She joined them again in the spring of 2010 for a U.S. tour, which included concerts at Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y in New York. Subsequent seasons have seen multiple tours of Europe and South America, including performances at the Musikverein in Vienna, the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, and at the Schleswig-Holstein and Ravinia festivals. With Mr. Zukerman and cellist Amanda Forsyth, as a member of the Zukerman Trio, Ms. Cheng made her debuts in 2013 at the Verbier, Edinburgh, Miyazaki, St. Petersburg/Stars of the White Nights and Enescu/Romania Festivals. The Zukerman Trio will continue touring in the 2016/2017 season with performances in Australia, Asia, Scandinavia, Europe, and the U.S.

An avid recitalist, *Angela Cheng* appears regularly on recital series throughout the United States and Canada and has collaborated with numerous chamber ensembles including the Takács, Colorado, and Vogler quartets. Festival appearances have included Banff, Bravo! Vail, Chautauqua, Colorado, Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, Ravinia, Vancouver, the Festival International de Lanaudière in Quebec, MasterWorks Festival, Toronto Summer Music Festival, and the Cartagena International Music Festival in Colombia. 2016 will add La Jolla's SummerFest.

*Ms. Cheng's* debut recording of two Mozart concerti with Mario Bernardi and the CBC Vancouver Orchestra received glowing reviews. Other CDs include Clara Schumann's Concerto in A Minor with JoAnn Falletta and the Women's Philharmonic for Koch International; for CBC Records, four Spanish concerti with Hans Graf and the Calgary Philharmonic; both Shostakovich concerti with Mario Bernardi and the CBC Radio Orchestra; and a solo disc of selected works of Clara and Robert Schumann. Most recently, an all-Chopin recital CD was released by Universal Music Canada.

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*Angela Cheng* has been Gold Medalist of the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Masters Competition, as well as the first Canadian to win the prestigious Montreal International Piano Competition. Other awards include the Canada Council's coveted Career Development Grant and the Medal of Excellence for outstanding interpretations of Mozart from the Mozarteum in Salzburg.

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**"Canadian Angela Cheng, as the solo pianist, shaped her part with sensitive fingers, playing lyrically and with musical imagination. Rather than treating the concerto as a vehicle for self-projection, Cheng appeared to actually live its music."**

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